



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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Our August meeting:

Marion – A Rural Village and its People, by Heather Latz.

At our last meeting we heard an interesting and informative talk by our former president, Heather Latz on the history of the village of Marion.

The talk covered the topic from the trees used by the Kaurna people to Colonel Light's survey of the land; from early settlement to the invasion of post-war suburbia.

Heather's talk introduced the people and places that represented the beginnings of the small rural community: the surveyors, Light, Finniss and Co, after whose partners and employees many of the streets of section 117 were named; and Edward John Eyre, who twice drove sheep from Canberra to Adelaide where he fattened them on section 118 and sold them to fund his inland explorations.

We heard about the Marion Inn, built in 1851 by Benjamin Daw, and which continued as licenced premises until 1935. Aside from being a handy watering-place for travellers and locals alike, the Inn was used for meetings, political speeches and inquests.

Other important buildings were St Ann's Church, built in 1859, whose priest rode from Morphett Vale fortnightly to say Mass; and the nearby Annie Doolan's cottage, which in the 1860s to 80s served as convent and school of the teaching order, the Sisters of St Joseph, founded by Mary McKillop and Fr Tennyson Woods.

Laurel Cottage, the home of Henry Shearing and his numerous family, was the first post office, remaining so until Henry

established the Post Office and General Store next door.

The talk covered many other people, buildings, geographical features and infrastructure, as well as the early industries such as farming, grazing, market gardens, orchards and brick-making. Further detail may be discovered at the research centre and on the website.

Unusual and Interesting

(Just nostalgic this month)

From "ACTION RADIO 5AD TOP 40"

25th July 1967 (Here are the Top 15 of 40)

1. All You Need is Love/Baby You're a Rich Man... Beatles (Parlophone)
2. Whiter Shade of Pale... Procol Harem (Deram)
3. The Wind Cries Mary...Jimi Hendrix Experience (Polydor)
4. San Francisco...Scott McKenzie (C.B.S.)
5. Bombay Duck...Shadows (Columbia)
6. Theme for a New Love...Davey Jones (Astor)
7. Groovin'... Young Rascals (Atlantic)
8. Respect...Aretha Franklin (Atlantic)
9. Heaven and Hell...Easybeats (Parlophone)
10. Waterloo Sunset...Kinks (Astor)
11. Russian Spy and I...Third Party (Columbia)
12. Up, Up and Away...5th Dimention (Liberty)
13. Carrie Anne...Hollies (Parlophone)
14. Night of the Long Grass...Troggs (Parlophone)
15. Silence is Golden...Tremeloes

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From the Newspapers 100 Years Ago

In 1914 it was thought that the war was going to be over before Christmas!

As the third Christmas at was approached the comfort of the troops was in the thoughts of those in Australia

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA: 1910 - 1924)
Thursday 21 September 1916 p 4 Article

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR SOLDIERS.

The League of Loyal Women has been permitted to make a display of Christmas boxes for soldiers in one of the windows of

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Messrs. Charles Birks & Co.'s establishment, Rundle street, Adelaide. The display will last for a week, and it is backed up by red, white, and blue posters urging the public to send gifts to the men at the front. A depot has been started in the shop for the benefit of those who find it inconvenient to go to the Exhibition Building, the principal depot. Letters from soldiers tell of the satisfaction created by the receipt of gifts, and it is hoped that the public will show its appreciation of the heroism of the Australian soldiers by responding to the league's appeal to pay for boxes of gifts. The season makes the gifts more welcome in a foreign land, and the fact that the men are fighting for Australia makes the duty of the public to subscribe plain.

News from the Marion Heritage Research Centre

There are a couple of events coming up in September and October so now is the time to put them in your diary.

Tuesday 27th September, 2 – 4 pm:
Talk by Ian Morphett, 'The Story of Sturt Road'

Monday 25th October, 2 – 4 pm:
Talk by Major Chris Roe of AMOSA 'Australians in Battle 1916'

Booking for these events is essential to ensure a place, so please book with Danielle.

For more information, please contact Danielle on 7420 6455 or email heritage@marion.sa.gov.au

Marion Historical Society

Next meeting

**Wednesday 19th October
7:30 pm at Cooina**

Susan Rosner Harding

Story catching using a smart phone.